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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have already explained my difficulty in giving amounts with respect to Malabar district, when that is part of a general plan. But I have referred to the particular plans, and hon. Members can easily find the figures. I really cannot add up now."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, it is not my intention not to give the credit that the Government deserve. Even the devil should be given its due credit."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That is why Malabar gets it! " (Laughter.)

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" That is not the question here, Sir. So many memoranda and representations were given to the Government showing definitely that such and such schemes, if implemented, would benefit the district largely with less expenditure. The question is, whether any of these schemes have been included in the plan, and whether the people's representations were considered in regard to those schemes, apart from the schemes that were prepared during the Advisers' regime? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The point is, whether the district has been neglected. I have given substantial answers to show that the district has not been neglected. The question does not arise as to who did it or when it was done. It is going on now, and very much more is done for Malabar than probably its arithmetical share."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Dr. U. Krishna Rao will answer question No. 78."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, questions 78 and 79 are similar. Both can be taken up together."

Setting up of a spinning mill in the State.

* 78 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Central Government have sanctioned a loan of 10 lakhs of rupees to the State Government for setting up a spinning mill in this State to supply yarn to the handloom weavers in the State and to help them?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir."

Setting up of a spinning mill in Tirunelveli district.

* 79 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to construct a new spinning mill out of the cess fund for the handloom weavers in Tirunelveli district or to buy an old mill? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government have no proposal to set up a spinning mill themselves out of

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the Cess Fund. The Madras State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society has proposed to set up a spinning mill on co-operative lines for the supply of yarn to weavers in the co-operative fold at about cost price. The Government of India have sanctioned a loan to this Government to be re-lent to the State Society for investment as share capital of the co-operative spinning mills. The State Society proposes to buy, if possible, an existing textile mill as a going concern and organise and run it on co-operative lines. In this connection one of the mills being considered is a partly constructed textile mill in Tirunelveli district.''

SRI N. K. PALANISWAMI :—" இப்பொழுது வாங்கப்போகும் மில்லானது ஸ்ரீமேடை தளவாய் முதலியார் அவர்களுடையது. அதில் மிஷின்கள் பழையதாக இருந்ததால் அந்தமில் நடத்தமுடியாமல் மூடப் பட்டிருந்தது. அப்படி பழைய மிஷின்களைக் கொண்ட ஒரு மில்லை இந்தக் கூட்டுறவு சங்கம் என் வாங்கவேண்டுமென்று கேட்கிறேன் ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The co-operative society evidently is satisfied with the condition in which the mill is. Otherwise it would not purchase a concern which is said to be absolutely useless.''

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Are the Government aware, Sir, of a news item that appeared in the papers that the Government proposed to start a spinning mill at Salem on co-operative basis? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" That may be wishful thinking, Sir.''

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether without starting this mill, it is not within the powers of this Government to divert enough yarn to the handloom weavers in this State? ''

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is hoped that weavers will get yarn from out of this mill at prices which the weavers from out of composite mills get for their own weaving section. That is to say, yarn is available for the weaving section from out of the composite mill at cheaper rates, because they themselves make the yarn. It is hoped that weavers will get this benefit.''

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" சாதாரணமாக லிமிடெட் கம்பெனி களின் மானேஜிங் ஏஜெண்டுகள் தங்களுடைய பழைய சொத்துக்களை அந்தக் கம்பெனிகளுக்கு நிறைய விலைக்கு விற்றுவிடுவது வழக்கம். கூட்டுறவு சங்கத்தின் பணத்தைக்கொண்டு என் இந்தப் பழைய மில்லை அதிக விலை கொடுத்து வாங்கவேண்டும் ? கூட்டுறவு சங்கத்தின் பணத்தை நல்ல முறையிலே செலவு செய்வதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" This question also is looked into by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, who has recommended that this mill may be purchased by the State Handloom Board.''

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SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Sir, I really welcome the proposal to set up a mill separately for the benefit of handloom weavers. But my anxiety is that they are trying to purchase an old mill. The reports are that the mill does not deserve so much price. My anxiety is that what should really go to the handloom weavers should not be taken away by profit-makers. Will the Government investigate this matter properly, and try to purchase or purchase after a thorough investigation? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the doubts cast on the wisdom of this transaction will be taken into account, and the matter will be looked into."

Appointment of gazetted officers for the National Extension Scheme.

* 80 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) how many gazetted officers were appointed in the State for the National Extension Scheme under the Five-Year Plan; and

(b) whether communal representation was considered with reference to the provisions of the Constitution in respect of Scheduled Castes candidates?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Twenty-eight.

" (b) The prime consideration in filling up the posts was to pick out the best men suitable for the job and men who have aptitude for social work. Further this is not direct recruitment in which communal considerations can be taken into account consistently with the maintenance of efficiency of administration as provided in the Constitution. Selection was made from among the various services."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" Social work-ல் அனுபவம் வாய்ந்தவரும் B.Sc. படித்தவரும், ஹரிஜனவகுப்பைச் சேர்ந்தவரும், 12 வருடம் ரிஜிஸ்டிராராகவும், 8 வருடம் ரேஷனிங் ஆபீஸராகவும் இருந்த ஒருவர் இதற்கு மனுப்போட்டிருந்தார். ஏன் அவருடைய மனுவானது கவனிக்கப் படவில்லை ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If the hon. Member is interested in a particular officer, I have to state I do not have the information with me, and I cannot say whether his name was considered, and why he was not selected."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, would you permit me to intervene? With all deference to the feelings of hon. Members, I wish to point out that intercession on behalf of particular officials, even though they may belong to particular communities, is not wise even in the interests of those officials themselves."